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Dear Mrs. Nichols,

Your check was not enclosed with your letter of the 5th but herewith Post Mortem.

I'm glad to have the Policoff article. I'll read it when I can but probably not until after this is packaged. With almost 160 years between us we cannot let orders accumulate.

I call part of the headline to your attention, "...Killed the Conspiracy Theory."

Whether or not there was a conspiracy is a matter of fact, not of theory. If anyone talks about the JFK assassination in terms of a conspiracy theory only he is hardly a scholar and if not a subject-matter ignoramus, is not well informed about the fact of it.

That there was without question a conspiracy is a matter of fact and it was first proven in my first book, completed 2/15/65, limited edition published 8/17/65 and with a Postscript issued for general distribution 5/7/66. There is no need to theorize any conspiracy and the fact that almost all the books, articles, lectures and debates are on theories, none ever proven and all faulted in varying ways and degress has become a national curse. It also misleads, deceives and confuses the people. I have nothing to do with conspiracy theories. They have been and remain a boon to errant government and miscreants in it.

You do not have a real expert on your panel. Policoff is the best informed of them. Rather knows what he read on the air and perhaps before the airings, Gavzer reported little or nothing about the JFK assassination, and I suppose Leonard's qualifications are those of a book reviewer whose reviews - I judge on the basis of one - were prejudiced. I hope you will not mind my saying it but while you may have and serve other purposes with this panel it is not really going to inform students. But on the other hand, you could not do much better -with a panel approach.

Two questions for Rather deal with CBS TV suppressions. It suppressed the results of testing of shooting done for it by the White Laboratories because under much easier and improved conditions and better rifles nobody was able to duplicate the shooting attributed to the duffer Oswald. The improved conditions included a target twice life size so a hit on it could have been a miss in reality. Howard Donahue came closest but he did not duplicate the actualities of the JFK assassination shooting in the official mythology. The second question is how can he justify CBS editing out of a Cronkite interview with LBJ LBJ's belief that there had been a conspiracy and, whether or not he so told Cronkite, he believed th CIA was involved in it.

Best person to ask about JFK information on computers is Jim Lesar, of the Assassination Archives and Research Committee, 918 F St., NW, #510, Washington, D.C. 20004. They have some, I do not know how much.

Data Base sounds interesting but what you refer to is not related to the assassination but to the numerous theories. I'm sure it is useful for other research now beyond me.

If the Voice headline, justified by the article, said those media components killed the truth about the JFK assassination, that would have been useful. It is 100% right on their self-censorship. Thanks and best wishes, Harold Weisberg Harold